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## What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A non-woven fabric filter for wastewater
- 2 treatment with activated sludge process comprising:
- a tubular non-woven fabric filtering portion, which
- has a mean pore size of 0.2  $\mu$ m to 150  $\mu$ m;
- a porous tubular supporting portion disposed on
- 6 inner walls of the tubular non-woven fabric
- 7 filtering portion to support the non-woven
- 8 fabric filtering portion; and
- 9 a sealing portion for sealing two ends of the tubular
- 10 non-woven fabric filtering portion and the
- tubular supporting portion, while leaving a
- hollow space in the tubular supporting portion.
  - 2. The non-woven fabric filter as claimed in claim
- 2 1, wherein the non-woven fabric filtering portion is
- 3 planar.
- 3. The non-woven fabric filter as claimed in claim
- 2 1, wherein the non-woven fabric filtering portion is
- 3 folded.
- 1 4. The non-woven fabric filter as claimed in claim
- 2 1, wherein the porous tubular supporting portion has a
- 3 mean pore size of 100 µm to 3 mm.
- 5. The non-woven fabric filter as claimed in claim
- 2 1, wherein the tubular supporting portion is porous
- 3 non-woven fabric.

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- 6. The non-woven fabric filter as claimed in claim
- 2 1, wherein the tubular supporting portion is a porous
- 3 plastic tube.
- 7. The non-woven fabric filter as claimed in claim
- 2 1, wherein the sealing portion is a polymer material.
- 8. A non-woven fabric filtering module, comprising
- 2 a plurality of the non-woven fabric filters as claimed in
- 3 claim 1.
- 9. A process for fabricating a non-woven fabric
- 2 filter, comprising the following steps:
- 3 providing a tubular non-woven fabric filtering
- 4 portion, wherein the tubular non-woven fabric
- filtering portion has a mean pore size of 0.2
- μm to 150 μm;
- disposing a porous tubular supporting portion on
- 8 inner walls of the tubular non-woven fabric
- 9 filtering portion to support the non-woven
- 10 fabric filtering portion; and
- sealing two ends of the tubular non-woven fabric
- 12 filtering portion and the tubular supporting
- portion with a sealing portion, while leaving
- a hollow space in the tubular supporting
- portion.
  - 1 10. A wastewater treatment process with activated
  - 2 sludge process using a non-woven fabric filter,
  - 3 comprising the following steps:

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4	providing a wastewater treatment tank in which
5	activated sludge and the non-woven fabric
6	filter as claimed in claim 1 are contained;
7	introducing wastewater containing organic material
8	into the wastewater treatment tank, so as to
9	allow activated sludge to decompose organic
10	material in wastewater; and
11	allowing the decomposed water to permeate through
12	the non-woven fabric filter to obtain filtered
13	water.

11. The wastewater treatment process with activated sludge as claimed in claim 10, wherein the step of allowing the decomposed water to permeate through the non-woven fabric filter includes allowing the decomposed water to permeate through the walls of the tubular non-woven fabric filtering portion and the porous tubular supporting portion and to permeate out from the hollow space in the tubular supporting portion.